

more by his community. This is the best insurance of remaining in good health.

I commend you for your past efforts and encourage you to continue them, to the end that we in Maryland may reach the highest possible level of performance in the care and treatment of the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

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Mr. Gruehn, General Purnell, members of the board of directors of the South Baltimore General Hospital, gentlemen:

I bring you greetings, and I congratulate you upon being here. If you will look around you, you will see what I mean. In this room are the people in the Baltimore area who get things done — the industrial, business, financial and commercial leadership of this city, and leaders of public life. You men of decision are known for the jobs you have done for your companies and organizations, as well as the assignments you have taken on and successfully carried out in behalf of the community and its people. Because of your achievements and your status as leaders, you have been invited here to receive information about the need for a new South Baltimore General Hospital. It is a pleasure and a duty for me to bring this information to you, and to bring you up to the minute about this need, so vital to Baltimore — and of even more vital importance to you business leaders and to every believer in the free enterprise system.

First, Maryland — and metropolitan Baltimore in particular — must have hundreds of additional hospital beds to meet the increasing needs of our growing population. You know this, for you have all heard of the distressing hospital situation we have, with too many of our hospitals costly to operate, obsolete and lacking in buildings. Ever since the Baltimore hospital survey, published in early 1958, all informed citizens have begun to recognize this need and the necessity to do something to meet it. But, again and again, in striving for more beds, we have seen the emphasis placed upon hospitals to the city's north and its west. The 60-year-old South Baltimore General Hospital, called upon to serve an ever burgeoning industrial complex — to serve,